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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a botanical drug or dietary supplement for use in the treatment of patients suffering from Hepatitis C virus infection. More particularly, it relates to a botanical drug consisting essentially of four botanical drug substances, optionally formulated with excipients, for use either in alleviating the symptoms of Hepatitis, particularly chronic Hepatitis C, and / or inhibiting the activity of the causative Hepatitis C virus. The botanical raw materials, botanical drug substances or botanical ingredients used are from a species of each of the genera: (a) *Silybum*; (b) *Astragalus* or *Hedysarum*; (c) *Salvia*; and (d) *Schisandra*.

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